

whom continue to grow, as injured persons succumb to their wounds.

As a result of the bombardment, the kingdom has been flooded with posters reading: "Avenge Scarbrough! Up and at 'em now!"

EVERY COUNTERATTACK OF ENEMY IS FAILURE

PARIS, December 18 (2:47 P. M.).—The French War Office this afternoon gave out an official communication as follows:

"The day of December 15 was marked, as we said yesterday, by an advance on our part in Belgium, where every counterattack undertaken by the enemy failed.

"In the region of Arras a vigorous offensive made us masters of several trenches. These are located at Auchy, Labasse, St. Laurent and Bligny. At this last-mentioned place we occupied a front more than one kilometre long, almost all the first line trenches of the enemy.

"In the region of Tracy Le Val, on the Aisne, and in Champagne, our heavy artillery won distinct advantages.

"In the Argonne the Germans blew up one of our trenches to the north of Four De Paris, and endeavored to take our front position, with three battalions of troops. This infantry attack, as well as the one they undertook at St. Hubert, was repulsed.

"To the east of the Meuse and in the Vosges there is nothing to report."

FIGHTING IN NIEUPORT CONTINUES FAVORABLE

BERLIN, December 18 (via London, 1:15 P. M.).—The German War Office this afternoon gave out an official communication as follows:

"The fighting in Nieuport continues favorable, but no decision yet has been reached.

"The French attacks between Labasse and Arras and on both sides of the river Somme have resulted in failure, with severe losses to the enemy. On the Somme the French lost 1,200 men in prisoners and at least 1,500 in dead; our own losses were under 200.

"In the Argonne forest our successful attack resulted in the capture of some 1,500 prisoners, in addition to war material. There have been no important developments elsewhere on the western front.

"On the frontiers of East and West Prussia, the situation is unchanged. In Poland we continue to pursue the retreating enemy."

ALLIES GAIN SOME GROUND SOUTHEAST OF NIEUPORT

PARIS, December 18 (2:45 P. M.).—The following official communication was issued to-night:

"We have gained some ground along the downs at the northeast of Nieuport. We have repulsed two strong counterattacks by the enemy at the north of the road between Ypres and Menin.

"The British troops have advanced slightly in the region of Armentieres. Our artillery has destroyed two heavy batteries in the region of Verdun.

"There is nothing of importance to report from the other parts of the front."

AUSTRIANS ARE PURSUING HEAVY RUSSIAN FORCES

VIENNA, December 18 (via London, 1:00 P. M.).—The following Austrian official statement was made public to-day:

"The beaten Russian main forces are being pursued on the entire battle front 400 kilometres wide (about 250 miles) from the Carpathians to the mouth of the Bzura River (in Poland), where it empties into the Vistula.

"The enemy yesterday was driven from his positions north of the Carpathians between Kroso and Zakliczyn. On the lower Danube River we and our allies are doing battle with the enemy's rear guard.

"South Poland our advance so far has been made without important fighting. Piotrkow, day before yesterday, and Przibor yesterday, were stormed.

"The heroic garrison at Przemyel has continued further fighting in front of the fortress with success.

"The situation in the Carpathians has not yet substantially changed."

ADMIRALTY DENIES LOSS OF ANY WARSHIPS

LONDON, December 18 (2:14 A. M.).—The admiralty has issued a statement denying that any British warships were lost during the recent raid by a German squadron on the east coast of England.

FRENCH CALM GAINS OF HUNDREDS OF YARDS

WASHINGTON, December 18.—Additional details of the French advance in Belgium and Northern France, announced today by the War Office, were given in official despatches to the embassy here. The message said:

"We have a road from Tournai to Le Ruis de l'Escaut, a considerable advance. We have captured the enemy's trenches, gained 550 yards, made 100 prisoners and taken three mitrailleuses. In the region of Elisechoote we have gained 500 yards, made eight prisoners and taken three mitrailleuses. The north of Notre Dame de Consolation our progress has been about 500 yards."

ALMOST COMPLETE LULL ON LEFT BANK OF VISTULA

PETROGRAD, December 18.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian army was made public to-night:

"On the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete lull on nearly all of the front."

OBITUARY

Mrs. M. T. Bagley, widow of Dr. George Franklin Bagley, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Ridd, early this morning. Her funeral will be held at Burlington, King and Queen Counties, tomorrow. She was eighty-one years old. Her husband was survived by the following children: P. H. Bagley, of Texas; G. F. Bagley, of Missouri; Rev. H. A. Bagley, of Virginia; Dr. George P. Bagley, of Connecticut; Dr. A. P. Bagley, of Kentucky; L. H. Bagley, and Mrs. A. B. Ridd, of Richmond.

DEATHS

WINCHESTER, Vt., December 18.—Milton C. Stannan, aged eighty, native of Andover, Mass., and for many years agent of the Baltimore and Annapolis road at Kenilworth, died of Bright's disease here today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Stannan. He leaves another daughter, Mrs. Kaufman, wife of Superior Court Judge John Kaufman, of Philadelphia, and two sons, John, of Richmond, and Frank H. Stannan, of Middletown, Pa. Funeral notice later.

DEATHS

ALBRECHT, died, at her residence, 54 North Elm street, at 11:30 A. M., December 18, 1914, at the age of 74. Her funeral will be held at 2 P. M., December 19, at the residence of Mr. C. H. Black, 1010 Park Avenue, N. E. Funeral notice later.

DEATHS

SIMMONS, died, at his father's residence, 2519 Stuart Avenue, at 1 P. M., December 18, 1914, at the age of 74. His funeral will be held at 2 P. M., December 19, at the residence of Mr. W. B. and Florence Simmons. Funeral notice later.

DEATHS

ALBRECHT, died, at the residence of his brother-in-law, William G. Kuhn, at 510 P. M., December 18, 1914, at the age of 74. His funeral will be held at 2 P. M., December 19, at the residence of Mr. C. H. Black, 1010 Park Avenue, N. E. Funeral notice later.

Kipling's Thrilling Story in Sunday's Paper

The first of a series of articles by Rudyard Kipling on "The Making of an Army" will appear in The Times-Dispatch of Sunday. It is a thrilling eyewitness story, written after a visit to the principal camps of Great Britain, and reproduces with the vivid force of which he is master the stirring scenes being enacted throughout the nation.

The second of these articles will appear on the morning of Thursday, December 24, and deal on the following Sunday, in succession, until the end of the series.

FURTHER SHORTAGE OF 40,000 IN SIGHT

"I charge that our navy is 15,000 men short, and a further shortage of 40,000 men is in sight. The general board, which has actually made our war plans, estimates the enlisted force of the navy as between 30,000 and 50,000 men short for war. If any attention had been paid to the general board's emphatic appeals for our national safety, instead of only twenty-seven battleships built and building and authorized, we should now have forty-seven battleships built, building and authorized; instead of sixty-eight destroyers, we should now have 157 destroyers. If we heeded the advice of the general board we should have a fleet of fast scouts to-day. How do you do your job, actually have got? Just three, and those were authorized over ten years ago.

"You know that we have fifty-six submarines in all, built and building, and that we have only three. Now Secretary Daniels and in a few, soothing words, recommends submarines to the paltry number of eight or so.

"We have just a dozen aeroplanes in the navy. Last year the aeroplane board recommended an appropriation of \$1,300,000. Instead of that sum, according to Captain Bristol, we let the aviation service spend only \$250,000 or \$300,000. The general naval board, in its current report, says that we must spend \$5,000,000 on aircraft. Secretary Daniels recommends no regular specific appropriation at all, but he tells us about a volunteer aircraft force. Captain Bristol says that that volunteer force doesn't amount to Hannah Cook. Rear-Admiral Strauss tells us that all battleships in commission now, or which will be in commission before the Nevada and the Oklahoma are completed, are equipped with a short-range torpedo, which may be considered obsolete for the battle fleet."

DENIES THAT OUR NAVY IS AHEAD OF GERMANY'S

"Some persons have quoted Rear-Admiral Fletcher as saying the American Navy ranks ahead of that of Germany. I have searched the admiral's evidence, and find that he said nothing of the sort. I don't believe that any well-informed man believes our fleet to be superior to that of Germany. A year ago Rear-Admiral C. E. Vreeland testified that we are third in the race, and, moreover, that we are a pretty bad third, for he said that we should still be third in 1921, if we adopted the building program of the general board."

KILLS 15-YEAR-OLD WIFE, THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

John Newton, Muddler on Dredging Scow, Principal in Double Tragedy at Lambert's Point.

SHOOT WITHOUT WARNING

Told One or Two Young Men on Way Home of Intention to Commit Murder, but Story Was Not Believed—Liquor Given as Cause.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., December 18.—After giving a little girl a "Teddy bear" for a Christmas present, and playfully patting his brother on the shoulder, John Newton, muddler on a dredging scow, today staggered drunkenly up the stairs to the room where Ola May Newton, his fifteen-year-old wife of five months, was dressing. Before she had time to realize he intended to do more than kiss her, as he had done on leaving home the night before to go to work, Newton fired the first of four pistol bullets that ended both their lives in less than ten minutes.

Mrs. Ethel Coker, a lodger at the home of J. A. Turley, in Lambert's Point, where the murder and suicide occurred this morning about 10:30 o'clock, was the only eyewitness of the shooting, and she saw only part of it. She said when Newton entered his wife's room she was sitting on the bed, half dressed. She heard Mrs. Newton say, "John, now behave yourself." A second or two later a shot was fired. Mrs. Coker said she ran downstairs. As she passed the room she saw Newton sitting on the edge of the bed, his wife crumpled at his feet, blood pouring from a wound in her neck. She saw Newton leaning over the body, pointing the pistol in his wife's face.

Then two other shots were fired. As Mrs. Coker stood trembling with fear in the hall, Mrs. Newton came out, half falling down the steps. As she reached the foot of the stairs she fell. Then Mrs. Coker saw Newton lurching down the stairs with the pistol in his hand. "Ola, my wife, I will not let you suffer," a pistol shot followed. Then a few minutes of quiet, broken only by gasps out in the hall. When she opened the door Newton was lying on the side of his wife, a bullet hole through the roof of his mouth. He died almost instantly. Mrs. Newton lived five or ten minutes, though she never regained consciousness.

Hard drinking for the past three days is given by members of the girl's family and neighbors as the cause of the tragedy. Newton, who was about twenty-six years old, and employed on the dredge barge Gray Eagle, of the W. H. French Co., is said to have threatened to kill his wife early yesterday morning before he reached home. He told one or two young men on the way he meant to do it, but they did not believe him.

ECHOLS HAS LUCID MOMENT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STANTON, N. J., December 18.—Senator Echols showed slight signs of improvement to-day, and for a few moments about noon had a lucid period. His general condition, however, shows no improvement, and the course of the disease is practically unaltered.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles. First application gives relief. 25c a box.

SOUTH RICHMOND SOUTHSIDE DEMOCRATS OPPOSE FRANCHISE

tions, and Name Committee Approve Spirit of East End Resolution to Draw Up Paper.

FAVOR FOURTEENTH STREET

Resolutions Adopted Approving Plan for Bridge Approaches Favored by Street Committee—Frame Dwelling Burned.

While not adopting the resolutions which have been passed by the East End Citizens' Association and other organizations in regard to the franchise asked for by the Virginia Railway and Power Company, the South Richmond Democratic Club unanimously endorsed the spirit of the paper last night, and will draft a similar set of resolutions embodying the special needs of the Southside. A committee of five, consisting of C. H. Anderson, A. L. Sampson, C. T. Morris, John W. Moore and Allen N. Pettigrew, was appointed to draw them. A special meeting of the club will be called by the president before the meeting of the Street Committee of the Council on January 11, for the purpose of taking action on the resolutions.

A severe criticism of the railway company was made by James E. Dickerson, of the East End, who spoke against the thirty-year franchise request. He said that its adoption would be unfair to the future generation, and that the Council had no moral right to grant it. "The company is justifying its securities," he charged, "paying dividends on watered stock. If we surrender our right for thirty years to the railway company, we are giving a monopoly to the people."

Mr. Dickerson also endorsed the plan for municipal ownership of an electrical power plant, and said he believed it would greatly aid the prosperity of the city in bringing industries here.

Others who made speeches against the railway company's petition were Percy Lucas, of Church Hill, Mr. Anderson, who presented the resolutions, and Rev. W. A. Cooper, pastor of Central Methodist Church, who advocated municipal ownership of public utilities. Mr. Cooper also recommended Carter C. Jones for his effort in having the \$125,000 resolution passed for the aid of working people out of employment.

In response to an invitation from the Workmen's Protective Association,

a committee of five was appointed to attend the meeting of the organization on Sunday afternoon at Fifth and Marshall Streets, when the franchise matter will be discussed.

Favor Fourteenth Street.

Resolutions approving the Fourteenth Street route as adopted by the joint committee of both branches of the Council, and requesting the ward representative to vote on this plan, were passed by the club. The resolutions were presented by Charles H. Meighan, chairman of the Bridge Approach Committee. They are as follows:

"Whereas, South Richmond is deeply interested in the speedy settlement of the widening of the approach to the Mayo Bridge, and the plan suggested by E. S. Rose and associates having been approved by Joint Street Committee of both branches of the City Council of the city; and, whereas, by the adoption of this plan this matter will be more quickly accomplished and at a less cost to the city than the adoption of any other plan;

"Therefore, be it resolved, That we, the members of the South Richmond Democratic Club, do hereby request the representatives of our ward to vote for the adoption of such plan, and to

give their individual influence and earnest support to the speedy passage of the resolution now before the City Council.

Negroes' Home Burned.

A small frame dwelling occupied by negroes at Nineteenth and Wall Streets was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The flames gained headway while the chemical wagon sent from the South Richmond Fire Department was going to Twentieth and Bainbridge Streets, from which point some one telephoned an alarm. The firemen succeeded in preventing the spread of the blaze to the other buildings, however. An alarm was sounded shortly afterward, and the whole department turned out. The flames were practically out before the firemen arrived.

Alleged Chicken Thieves Arrested.

Five young white men were arrested last night on the charge of stealing chickens from the home of Mrs. Barlow, in Swansboro. They gave the names as Mack Brown, Sam Kelly, Kelly, Pris Jones and Fred Jenkins. The raid on Mrs. Barlow's roost was made on Thursday night, and the police of the Third Station were notified.

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\$18.00

English models and conservative three and four-button Sack Suits in elegant worsteds, soft cassimeres, Scotch chevrons and Irish homespun, beautiful weaves, handsome patterns, newest colors, best of workmanship and linings.

Extra quality blue chevrons Balmacaens, handsome curly backs—Donegal and Fisker Tweed, Duffle Fleece Balmacaens—Cravettes, Ulsterettes, Shawl Collar and Form Fitting Overcoats—beautifully tailored and lined.

The wonderful mercantile value of this great six-store manufacturing and retailing institution comes in full play in this offering—Suits and Overcoats which cannot be equalled anywhere under at least \$4.00 to \$5.00 more than the price.

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Men's Raincoats, \$5.00

Double Texture English Slip-Ons of Gray Bombazine, with plaid back. We guarantee these coats to be absolutely waterproof, or give you another coat for one that leaks. Christmas special, \$5.00.

Bath Robe Sets, \$3.95

Blanket and Terry Bath Robes, with slippers to match. Blanket Robes in gray, green, brown, maroon, and Oxford. Terry Robes light grounds with contrasting stripes. \$5.00 values, Christmas special, \$3.95.

Men's Smoking Jackets, \$5.00

Extra quality, double face cloths, trimmed with two silken frogs; edges, pockets and cuffs trimmed with silk braid, all sizes, stock as well as regulars, in Oxford, tobacco, maroon, navy and silver colorings. Actual \$6.00 values. Christmas special, \$5.00.

Men's Cuff Links... 25c to \$2.50
Men's Scarf Pins... 25c to \$1.50
Men's Tie Clips... 25c to \$1.50
Men's Smoking Jackets... \$5.00 to \$12.50

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Generously full shape English squares, in rich, heavy silks—colored stripes, plaids, checks, flowered designs and solid plain colors, each tie in appropriate holly box; \$1.00 values, Christmas special, 65c.

Bath Robe Sets, \$5.00

Extra quality Terry and Blanket Bath Robes, with a pair of slippers to match, in navy, cadet, maroon, green, brown and silver—robe, exclusive of slippers, worth more than price charged for whole outfit. Christmas special, \$5.00.

Men's Wool Gloves... 25c to \$1.75
Men's Kid Gloves... 50c to \$2.25
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Men's Suit Cases... \$2.00 to \$15.00
Men's Leather Grips... \$3 to \$24.50
Men's White Vests... \$2 to \$4.50
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